

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2002-355-C - ORDER NO. 2007-1
JANUARY 5, 2007

IN RE: Application of Fairfield Communications, Inc.) ORDER APPROVING
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and) AMENDMENT OF
Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and) CERTIFICATE
Exchange Access Service and for Flexible)
Regulation.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) on the Application of Fairfield Communications, Inc. (“Fairfield Communications” or “the Company”) to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in certain exchange areas currently served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”). The Company proposes to expand its service to those areas currently being served by BellSouth in the portion of BellSouth’s service area located within Kershaw County. According to the Company, it will provide the same service, under the same terms and conditions, to customers located in the expanded area as it is currently providing to customers in its presently certificated service area. Further, the Company states that it will offer the service at rates comparable to those of the incumbent LEC serving the area.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission’s Docketing Department, the matter was noticed in newspapers of general circulation in the Company’s service area.

No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed. Through Order No. 2006-555, we appointed a Hearing Examiner to hear the case. However, prior to the scheduled date of the hearing, the Company filed a Motion for Expedited Review of this matter, accompanied by the verified testimony, dated November 3, 2006, of J. Brian Singleton, its President and Chief Executive Officer. The Hearing Examiner continued the oral hearing in this matter so that this Commission could first consider the Motion for Expedited Review, along with the verified testimony.

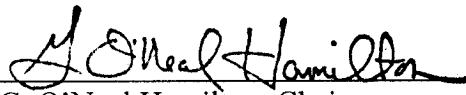
We grant expedited review of this matter. After a review of the verified testimony, we approve the amendment of the Company's Certificate, and, therefore, we approve the Application as filed.

J. Brian Singleton, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fairfield Communications, described in his verified testimony the services that the Company proposes to provide, noted the geographic area that it seeks to serve, and testified as to the Company's technical, financial, and managerial resources to provide local exchange telecommunications services within the defined areas of South Carolina. Singleton stated that the Company seeks to expand its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to include those areas of Kershaw County presently within the service area of BellSouth. Singleton concluded by stating that the public interest of the citizens of South Carolina will be served by granting the Application, and that the provision of service by the Company will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service in South Carolina. The new exchanges would be served under the same terms and conditions as those exchanges already served.

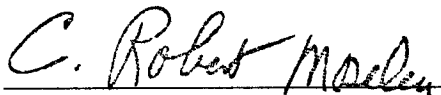
We have examined this matter and hold that the amendment of the Certificate should be granted, and the Application of Fairfield Communications, Inc. should be approved as filed. Order No. 2003-41, dated January 27, 2003, found that the Company possessed the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the services in the areas originally requested by the Company and approved flexible regulation. We believe that the Company continues to possess the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide services to the previously requested area as well as to the areas of Kershaw County requested in the current application, and that the proposed expansion of the Company's services is in the public interest. Accordingly, the amendment of the Certificate is granted and the Application is approved as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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